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LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2006 was 5.3 percent, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended February 18, 2006. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the January 2006 rate of 5.2 percent and 0.4 percentage points higher than the February 2005 rate of 4.9 percent. The Canada seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February 2006 was 6.4 percent. This is 0.2 percentage points lower than January 2006 and 0.6 percentage points lower than the February 2005 level of 7.0 percent.

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 482,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in February 2006, down 700 from the January 2006 level of 482,900 and is also down 5,300 from the February 2005 employment level of 487,500 persons.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for February 2006 was 5.8 percent. This is a decrease of 0.1 percentage points from the January 2006 rate of 5.9 percent but 0.3 percentage points higher than the February 2005 level of 5.5 percent. Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.5 percentage points to 6.7 percent from the January 2006 level of 7.2 percent. In February 2005, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.5 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 800 to 500,900 persons in February 2006 from 500,100 persons in January 2006. This is 2,900 less than the February 2005 labour force of 503,800 persons. The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.1 percentage points to 67.0 percent in February 2006 from 66.9 percent in January 2006. The February 2005 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.4 percent.

There were 471,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan during February 2006, an increase of 1,100 from January 2006 but 4,400 less than the number employed in February 2005. Agricultural employment was 44,000 persons in February 2006, down 200 from the January 2006 level.

There were 29,000 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during February 2006. This is a decrease of 300 from January 2006 but is 1,500 more than the number unemployed in February 2005.

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TABLE 1

LABOUR FORCE

	February 2006	January 2006	February 2005
SASKATCHEWAN			
Labour Force	**500,900**	**500,100**	**503,800**
Employed	**471,900**	**470,800**	**476,300**
Full-Time	*372,000*	*374,800*	*375,800*
Part-Time	*99,900*	*96,000*	*100,500*
Unemployed	**29,000**	**29,300**	**27,500**
Unemployment Rate (%)	**5.8**	**5.9**	**5.5**
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	**5.3**	**5.2**	**4.9**
Participation Rate (%)	**67.0**	**66.9**	**67.4**
CANADA			
Labour Force	**17,200,600**	**17,179,100**	**17,042,300**
Employed	**16,041,700**	**15,949,100**	**15,769,200**
Full-Time	*12,883,200*	*12,882,900*	*12,655,700*
Part-Time	*3,158,500*	*3,066,200*	*3,113,500*
Unemployed	**1,158,900**	**1,230,000**	**1,273,100**
Unemployment Rate (%)	**6.7**	**7.2**	**7.5**
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	**6.4**	**6.6**	**7.0**
Participation Rate (%)	**66.0**	**66.0**	**66.4**

TABLE 2

DETAILED SASKATCHEWAN UNADJUSTED SERIES

Labour Force ('000)	Total	Male	Female	15-24	25+	15-19	20-24	25-44	45-64	65+
February 2006	500.9	267.2	233.7	87.4	413.6	36.3	51.1	210.3	185.4	17.8
January 2006	500.1	267.5	232.6	87.3	412.8	35.2	52.1	210.5	184.2	18.0
February 2005	503.8	271.1	232.7	89.4	414.4	35.6	53.8	214.3	182.9	17.2
Employed ('000)										
February 2006	471.9	250.7	221.3	78.3	393.6	31.4	46.9	199.3	176.9	17.4
January 2006	470.8	248.5	222.4	76.5	394.4	30.7	45.8	200.4	176.1	17.9
February 2005	476.3	252.3	223.9	81.4	394.8	31.5	49.9	204.7	173.8	16.3
Unemployed ('000)										
February 2006	29.0	16.5	12.5	9.1	19.9	4.9	4.2	11.0	8.5	0.0
January 2006	29.3	19.1	10.2	10.9	18.4	4.5	6.3	10.1	8.2	0.0
February 2005	27.5	18.8	8.8	8.0	19.6	4.0	4.0	9.6	9.1	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)										
February 2006	5.8	6.2	5.3	10.4	4.8	13.5	8.2	5.2	4.6	0.0
January 2006	5.9	7.1	4.4	12.5	4.5	12.8	12.1	4.8	4.5	0.0
February 2005	5.5	6.9	3.8	8.9	4.7	11.2	7.4	4.5	5.0	4.7
Participation Rate (%)										
February 2006	67.0	72.5	61.7	63.2	67.9	53.1	73.1	88.1	78.3	13.3
January 2006	66.9	72.6	61.4	63.2	67.7	51.5	74.5	88.0	77.9	13.4
February 2005	67.4	73.5	61.4	64.2	68.1	51.4	77.0	88.2	79.0	12.8

Figures set to 0 (zero) if under 500 persons.

TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR MARKET - UNADJUSTED SERIES

2004	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
*Labour Force	494.3	495.4	497.7	501.8	511.5	515.0	516.8	517.7	508.1	507.2	508.2	507.3	506.7
*Employment	463.2	464.8	465.2	472.6	486.8	492.4	489.0	489.3	482.8	485.5	483.9	480.9	479.7
*Full-Time	370.3	370.0	368.7	377.4	397.7	399.5	402.5	405.0	387.3	388.6	385.8	380.7	386.1
*Part-Time	92.9	94.8	96.5	95.1	89.1	92.9	86.5	84.3	95.5	96.8	98.1	100.2	93.6
*Unemployment	31.1	30.6	32.5	29.3	24.7	22.6	27.8	28.4	25.3	21.7	24.3	26.4	27.0
**Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.2	6.5	5.8	4.8	4.4	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.3
**Participation Rate	66.4	66.5	66.8	67.3	68.6	69.0	69.3	69.4	68.1	67.9	68.1	67.9	67.9
2005													
*Labour Force	501.6	503.8	507.5	504.0	517.4	519.7	522.7	522.0	508.4	503.4	503.3	499.1	509.4
*Employment	473.4	476.3	479.6	476.3	495.0	498.0	497.3	492.3	480.2	479.9	479.1	474.5	483.5
*Full-Time	374.1	375.8	379.8	384.4	402.1	405.7	412.7	411.5	386.5	381.2	382.3	380.5	389.7
*Part-Time	99.4	100.5	99.8	91.9	92.9	92.3	84.6	80.8	93.7	98.6	96.8	93.9	93.8
*Unemployment	28.1	27.5	28.0	27.7	22.5	21.6	25.4	29.7	28.2	23.5	24.2	24.6	25.9
**Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.1
**Participation Rate	67.1	67.4	67.8	67.3	69.1	69.4	69.8	69.7	67.9	67.2	67.2	66.7	68.1
2006													
*Labour Force	500.1	500.9											
*Employment	470.8	471.9											
*Full-Time	374.8	372.0											
*Part-Time	96.0	99.9											
*Unemployment	29.3	29.0											
**Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.8											
**Participation Rate	66.9	67.0											

* thousands
** percent

TABLE 4

EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY
SASKATCHEWAN 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
(Thousands)

2003	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	45.4	43.9	43.6	45.9	51.1	50.7	48.3	48.5	44.8	46.9	45.0	44.9	46.6
Manufacturing	26.8	27.1	27.4	26.0	27.8	27.1	27.6	27.3	26.8	26.9	27.2	27.1	27.1
Construction	21.3	21.7	21.6	21.9	23.0	24.9	25.9	26.0	26.3	24.0	22.5	20.8	23.3
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	25.6	25.8	25.7	26.8	27.1	25.9	27.1	26.8	25.9	25.7	25.6	26.7	26.2
Trade	75.2	73.2	75.2	76.9	77.2	78.6	79.6	80.6	77.5	77.9	78.8	79.6	77.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.4	27.7	28.2	28.8	29.7	28.9	29.4	28.6	27.2	27.4	27.2	26.9	28.1
Service	201.0	203.5	203.5	202.0	207.1	209.8	206.1	203.0	204.4	203.2	201.6	201.2	203.9
Public Administration	24.3	24.8	24.3	24.2	25.7	28.2	27.9	30.1	26.5	26.9	26.6	25.6	26.2
Other Primary Ind.	16.4	16.9	17.4	15.0	15.4	17.2	18.0	17.8	17.5	17.4	17.7	18.4	17.1
Total All Industries	463.3	464.6	466.8	467.5	484.4	491.3	490.0	488.6	476.9	476.3	472.2	471.2	476.1

2004	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	44.9	44.2	46.2	46.5	49.3	47.1	48.6	48.0	47.1	47.1	46.6	44.8	46.7
Manufacturing	27.2	26.9	27.4	28.3	28.5	31.1	30.3	30.6	29.1	28.4	28.4	29.0	28.8
Construction	19.2	19.2	19.4	20.5	23.8	25.5	27.8	28.1	26.3	28.2	25.9	24.6	24.0
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	25.9	25.8	25.5	26.8	28.5	29.1	27.9	27.8	29.0	27.9	28.7	28.1	27.6
Trade	75.3	74.6	74.0	75.7	77.6	76.7	78.8	78.7	77.5	77.4	77.9	76.6	76.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	25.8	26.6	26.9	27.8	27.2	28.0	26.5	27.5	27.3	25.5	25.9	25.6	26.7
Service	201.2	203.0	202.2	204.4	208.0	209.9	202.4	201.6	201.2	206.0	205.8	207.2	204.4
Public Administration	25.3	25.2	24.1	24.2	25.3	26.3	26.4	27.7	26.5	26.1	26.5	26.0	25.8
Other Primary Ind.	18.5	19.3	19.4	18.3	18.6	18.8	20.6	19.3	18.8	18.8	18.3	18.9	19.0
Total All Industries	463.2	464.8	465.2	472.6	486.8	492.4	489.0	489.3	482.8	485.5	483.9	480.9	479.7

Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY
SASKATCHEWAN 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
(Thousands)

2005	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	44.0	43.9	45.1	44.5	49.1	49.2	50.9	49.9	47.7	48.2	44.5	42.1	46.6
Manufacturing	28.1	28.0	28.5	29.8	30.4	32.9	33.0	33.4	29.8	29.8	29.9	29.6	30.3
Construction	21.4	20.9	21.5	22.9	26.9	30.1	30.7	29.2	28.7	28.9	28.9	26.0	26.3
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	28.0	28.7	28.0	27.4	28.9	30.0	29.1	30.7	31.7	28.9	31.1	31.1	29.5
Trade	79.6	80.2	79.6	81.7	82.0	79.6	80.5	79.6	74.4	74.1	74.6	74.2	78.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	24.3	25.7	26.3	24.6	25.9	26.6	25.7	27.8	26.3	25.1	24.9	25.6	25.7
Service	203.6	204.0	206.2	203.1	206.8	204.2	199.6	192.0	195.7	199.1	198.0	198.1	200.9
Public Administration	25.4	25.7	26.8	26.3	27.3	26.7	30.3	29.9	26.8	27.0	27.4	27.1	27.2
Other Primary Ind.	19.0	19.2	17.7	16.0	17.6	18.7	17.6	19.7	19.0	18.8	19.8	20.6	18.6
Total All Industries	473.4	476.3	479.6	476.3	495.0	498.0	497.3	492.3	480.2	479.9	479.1	474.5	483.5

2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	44.2	44.0											
Manufacturing	28.9	30.2											
Construction	24.9	25.3											
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	28.5	30.6											
Trade	72.9	76.1											
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	26.6	25.4											
Service	196.5	191.9											
Public Administration	27.2	27.0											
Other Primary Ind.	21.2	21.3											
Total All Industries	470.8	471.9											

Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

TABLE 5

PERCENTAGE UNEMPLOYED
CANADA AND PROVINCES 2005, 2006
(UNADJUSTED SERIES)

2005	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Canada	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.3	6.9	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.8
Nfld. & Lab.	16.5	17.2	16.9	18.8	16.7	12.5	12.1	15.2	13.2	13.9	14.7	15.8	15.2
P.E.I.	14.1	13.0	13.0	15.0	9.5	7.8	9.1	8.7	8.3	9.1	10.6	12.1	10.8
Nova Scotia	9.9	10.7	9.8	9.2	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.0	7.8	7.7	8.1	8.0	8.4
New Brunswick	11.2	10.6	10.6	11.2	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	9.7	8.6	9.1	9.7
Quebec	9.5	9.0	8.9	8.5	8.5	7.4	7.9	8.3	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.3	8.3
Ontario	6.7	7.0	7.3	6.6	7.2	6.6	7.3	7.4	6.1	5.9	5.5	5.6	6.6
Manitoba	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.7	5.4	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.8
Saskatchewan	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.1
Alberta	4.8	4.2	3.5	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.7	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.9
B.C.	7.2	7.6	6.7	6.2	6.0	5.5	6.3	6.3	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.4	5.9

2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Canada	7.2	6.7											
Nfld. & Lab.	18.8	16.7											
P.E.I.	14.3	14.0											
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.5											
New Brunswick	9.8	10.6											
Quebec	9.6	8.9											
Ontario	6.6	6.3											
Manitoba	4.8	4.7											
Saskatchewan	5.9	5.8											
Alberta	4.0	3.2											
B.C.	5.8	5.2											

TABLE 6

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR CANADIAN CITIES

	February 2006	January 2006	February 2005
St. John's	8.9	9.4	9.3
Halifax	5.6	5.9	7.4
Saint John	6.9	4.6	6.4
Quebec	7.4	7.0	6.2
Montreal	9.3	10.2	8.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	4.2	5.3	6.5
Toronto	6.5	6.8	7.5
Sudbury	8.1	8.4	7.7
Winnipeg	4.8	4.6	5.0
Regina	5.3	5.7	4.7
Saskatoon	5.2	6.1	5.1
Calgary	3.1	4.5	4.3
Edmonton	3.7	4.3	4.9
Vancouver	4.9	5.6	7.1
Victoria	3.6	4.3	6.1

TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3-month moving averages)

Total Population	Labour Force ('000)	Employed ('000)	Unemployed ('000)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)	Employment Rate (%)
February 2006	499.4	471.4	27.9	5.6	66.8	63.0
January 2006	500.7	474.6	26.1	5.2	66.9	63.4
February 2005	503.9	476.3	27.6	5.5	67.4	63.7
Non-Aboriginal						
February 2006	462.7	441.0	21.7	4.7	67.1	63.9
January 2006	463.7	443.7	20.0	4.3	67.2	64.3
February 2005	470.5	448.5	22.0	4.7	68.1	64.9
Aboriginal						
February 2006	36.7	30.4	6.2	17.0	63.2	52.5
January 2006	37.1	30.9	6.1	16.5	64.1	53.5
February 2005	33.4	27.7	5.6	16.8	58.9	49.0
North American Indian						
February 2006	14.4	10.5	3.9	27.2	54.6	39.7
January 2006	14.7	11.2	3.6	24.1	56.1	42.5
February 2005	12.9	10.0	2.9	22.2	50.0	38.8
Métis						
February 2006	22.3	19.9	2.3	10.4	70.5	63.2
January 2006	22.3	19.7	2.6	11.5	70.7	62.6
February 2005	20.4	17.7	2.7	13.3	66.2	57.3

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for June are an average of the three months ending in June (April, May and June).
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.